

be expressly limited to service on the vessel or the class of vessels and will not establish qualification for any other purpose.

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§ 15.105 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain material is incorporated by reference into this part with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. To enforce any edition other than that specified in paragraph (b) of this section, the Coast Guard must publish notice of change in the FEDERAL REGISTER and must ensure that the material is available to the public. All approved material is available for inspection at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC, and at the U.S. Coast Guard, Operating and Environmental Standards Division, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC, and is available from the sources indicated in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The material approved for incorporation by reference in this part and the sections affected are as follows:

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

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STCW—The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended in 1995, (STCW Convention), and Seafarer's Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code (STCW Code)—15.103; 15.1101; 15.1103; 15.1105; 15.1109.

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Subpart B—Definition of Terms

§ 15.301 Definitions of terms used in this part.

(a) The following terms defined in this subpart apply only to the manning of vessels subject to the manning provisions in the navigation and shipping laws of the United States:

Assistance Towing means towing a disabled vessel for consideration.

Coastwise seagoing vessel means a vessel that is authorized by its Certificate of Inspection to proceed beyond the Boundary Line established in part 7 of this chapter.

Deck crew (excluding licensed individuals) means, as used in 46 U.S.C. 8702, only the following members of the deck department below the grade of licensed individual: Able seamen and ordinary seamen.

Designated areas means those areas within pilotage waters for which first class pilot's licenses or endorsements are issued under part 10, subpart G, of this Chapter, by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI). The areas for which first class pilot's licenses or endorsements are issued within a particular Marine Inspection Zone and the specific requirements to obtain them may be obtained from the OCMI concerned.

Directly supervised means being in the direct line of sight of the person in charge or maintaining direct, two-way communications by a convenient, reliable means, such as a predetermined working frequency over a hand-held radio.

Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection (OCMI) for the purposes of part 15 means any person designated as such by the Commandant and who under the Coast Guard District Commander is in charge of an inspection zone.

Pilotage waters means the navigable waters of the United States, including all inland waters and offshore waters to a distance of three nautical miles from the baseline from which the Territorial Sea is measured.

Staff officer means a person who holds a certificate of registry in the staff department such as a purser, a medical doctor or professional nurse, which is issued by the Coast Guard.

Self-Propelled has the same meaning as the terms propelled by *machinery* and mechanically propelled. This term would also include vessels fitted with both sails and mechanical propulsion.

Tank barge means a non-self-propelled tank vessel.

Tank vessel means a vessel that is constructed or adapted to carry, or that carries, oil or hazardous material in bulk as cargo or cargo residue.

Tankship means any tank vessel constructed or adapted primarily to carry oil or hazardous material in bulk as cargo or cargo residue and propelled by power or sail.

Transfer means any movement of dangerous liquid or liquefied gas as cargo in bulk or as cargo residue to, from, or within a vessel by means of pumping, gravitation, or displacement. Section 13.127 of this chapter describes what qualifies as participation in a creditable transfer.

(b) The following categories of licensed individuals are established in part 10 of this chapter. When used in this part, the following terms mean an individual holding a valid license and/or endorsement to serve in that capacity issued under part 10 of this chapter.

- (1) Master;
- (2) Mate;
- (3) Pilot;
- (4) Engineer;
- (5) Radio officer;
- (6) Operator of uninspected towing vessels;
- (7) Operator of uninspected passenger vessels;
- (8) Offshore installation manager (OIM);
- (9) Barge supervisor (BS);
- (10) Ballast control operator (BCO); and
- (11) GMDSS radio operator.

(c) The following ratings are established in part 12 of this chapter. When used in this part, terms for the ratings identify persons holding valid merchant mariners' documents for service in the ratings issued under that part:

- (1) Able seaman.
- (2) Ordinary seaman.
- (3) Qualified member of the engine department.
- (4) Lifeboatman.
- (5) Wiper.
- (6) Steward's department (F.H.).
- (7) GMDSS At-sea Maintainer.

(d) The following ratings are established in part 13 of this chapter. When used in this part, the terms for the ratings identify persons holding valid merchant mariners' documents for service in the ratings issued under that part:

- (1) Tankerman-PIC.
- (2) Tankerman-PIC (Barge).
- (3) Restricted Tankerman-PIC.

- (4) Restricted Tankerman-PIC (Barge).

- (5) Tankerman-Assistant.

- (6) Tankerman-Engineer.

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Subpart C—Manning Requirements; All Vessels

§ 15.401 Employment and service within restrictions of license or document.

A person may not employ or engage an individual, and an individual may not serve, in a position in which an individual is required by law or regulation to hold a license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner's document, unless the individual holds a valid license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner's document, as appropriate, authorizing service in the capacity in which the individual is engaged or employed and the individual serves within any restrictions placed on the license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner's document.

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§ 15.405 Familiarity with vessel characteristics.

Each licensed, registered, or certificated individual must become familiar with the relevant characteristics of the vessel on which engaged prior to assuming his or her duties. As appropriate, these include but are not limited to: general arrangement of the vessel; maneuvering characteristics; proper operation of the installed navigation equipment; firefighting and life-saving equipment; stability and loading characteristics; emergency duties; and main propulsion and auxiliary machinery, including steering gear systems and controls.

§ 15.410 Licensed individuals for assistance towing vessels.

Every assistance towing vessel must be under the direction and control of a